FORMULA OF AGREEMENT LITURGY

In 1998 the General Synod examined the order of worship prepared by the Lutheran-Reformed Subcommittee on Worship for joint celebrations of the adoption of full communion between the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the United Church of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Reformed Church in America. Upon the recommendation of its review committee, the synod voted “to encourage RCA congregations to make occasional use of the order of worship and the guidelines prepared by the Lutheran-Reformed Subcommittee on Worship” (MGS 1998, p. 275).

M = Minister  
C = Congregation

Eucharist

OFFERING OF GIFTS

PRAYER

M: As the bread broken was first scattered on the hills,  
then was gathered and became one,  
so let your church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom  
for yours is glory and power through all ages.  
Blessed be God, forever and ever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

M: The Lord be with you.  
C: And also with you.  
M: Lift up your hearts.  
C: We lift them to the Lord.  
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
Loving God, the Source of all,  
we thank you and praise you  
with our lips and in our lives  
that having created us and all things through your Word  
you welcome and accept our prayer and praise.  
For the goodness of creation  
and the glory of redemption to which you call us,  
we praise you.  
For the law of holiness inviting our obedience  
and the call of prophets, rebuking our disobedience  
we praise you.  
With all that is, seen and unseen,  
and with all the faithful  
of every time and place,  
we join in this hymn  
of praise and thanksgiving:

SANCTUS
C: Holy, holy, Lord most holy, God of power and God of might; Heaven and earth reveal your glory, hail, hosanna, Lord of light! Blessed be the coming Savior, hail, hosanna, Lord of light!

M: Loving God, the Holy One, we offer you praise and thanksgiving over this bread and cup because in Jesus Christ, your only begotten you have forever joined yourself to us, uniting heaven and earth. Now therefore we gratefully recall and remember the wonder of his incarnation, his birth as one of us, his baptism for our sin, his compassion for our suffering, his intimacy with our frailty, his rebuke of our pride, his bearing of the cross with its death and his rising from the tomb by the power of God. It was he who on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. According to his command and promise of presence, we affirm the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

M: Loving God, Creative Power, blessing your Name, we seek your Spirit. Come to us and bless these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us by faith the body and blood of Christ, the sign and seal of our forgiveness in him and our adoption as the children of God. As we eat and drink together make us one with Christ and one in Christ; a sign of his eternal reign in all the world. This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving we offer you, loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God to ages of ages.
C: Amen.
M: With the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD
Tune: St. Columba

C: O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave, have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made, give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
M: O God the One God, you have opened wide your hands and satisfied the desire of your living crea-
tures. You have fed us with one food
C: that we may be one.
M: You have filled us with your presence
C: that we may be one.
M: You have showered on us your Spirit
C: that we may be one:
M: You in Christ, and Christ in us,
C: That all may be one.
M: Send us into the world as your servants, fed and on fire with the Spirit, that the world may know that
you have loved them, through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise with you and the Holy Spirit, to the
ages of ages.
C: Amen.